

CLAIMS:

1. A culinary press comprising first and second elongate
5 members pivotably connected to each other near a
pressing end at a first pivot point, the first member
at least in part defining a food receiving chamber,
and with a perforated surface provided against which
food to be crushed is pressed, and a pivotably
10 mounted plunger disposed between the elongate members
to be pivotable about a second pivot point into said
chamber, wherein the plunger is mounted so that its
second pivot point is disposed on the opposite side
of the first pivot point from the majority of the
15 chamber, and wherein the second elongate member is
formed with an actuating surface which bears on the
plunger, whereby the actuating surface bears on the
plunger at a position increasingly distant from its
pivot on progressive closing as food is being
20 crushed.
2. A culinary press according to claim 1 wherein the
second pivot point is disposed at a forward end of
the chamber.
3. A culinary press according to claim 2 wherein the
25 first pivot point is disposed between one third and
one half of the distance along the chamber from the
forward end of the chamber.
4. A culinary press according to claim 3 wherein the

first pivot point is disposed at about four tenths of the distance along the chamber.

5 5. A culinary press according to claim 1 wherein the plunger has an upper surface remote from its pivot which has a generally planar surface.

6. A culinary press according to claim 1 wherein the plunger has an upper surface which, adjacent its pivot, defines a recessed region.

10 7. A culinary press according to claim 1 wherein the actuating surface is defined on an actuating finger fixed to an underside of the second elongate member.

15 8. A culinary press comprising first and second elongate members pivotably connected to each other near a pressing end, the first member at least in part defining a food receiving chamber and with a perforated surface provided against which food to be crushed is pressed, and a pivotably plunger mounted disposed between the elongate members to be pivotable into said chamber towards the perforated surface, the
20 second elongate member being adapted to act on the plunger on one side of its pivot to move the plunger towards the perforated surface, and wherein the second elongate member is further adapted to act on the plunger on the opposite side of its pivot as the
25 first and second members are moved apart on opening of the press in order to drive the plunger out of the chamber.

9. A culinary press according to claim 8 wherein the

second elongate member is formed with an actuator which on opening of the press engages means provided on the plunger.

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10. A culinary press according to claim 9 wherein the actuator comprises a bent protrusion defining an edge which engages said means on the plunger.

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11. A culinary press according to claim 9 wherein the first and second elongate members are pivotably connected at a position spaced from the said means on the plunger and arranged such that said actuator moves in an arc which intersects said means on the plunger.

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12. A culinary press according to claim 9 wherein said means provided on the plunger comprise a groove formed in the plunger which receives said actuator.

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13. A culinary press according to claim 8 wherein the second member is formed with a cutout region with said actuator extending into the cutout and being spaced from said means of the plunger to allow a degree of relative pivoting apart of the first and second members before the actuator engages the plunger.

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14. A culinary press according to claim 13 wherein the actuator is spaced from said means on the plunger by a distance sufficient to allow about 90° of relative pivoting in the opening direction before the actuator engages the plunger.

15. A culinary press according to claim 12 wherein the

plunger is pivotably mounted at a position closely adjacent the region of the plunger with the groove such that after a predetermined rotation of the plunger as it is driven by the actuator, the actuator escapes from the groove such that on continued opening the rotation the plunger is no longer driven by the actuator.

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16. A culinary press according to claim 15 wherein it is arranged that the plunger is pivotably driven through an angle of about 50° before the actuator leaves said groove.

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17. A culinary press according to claim 9 wherein the perforated surface is formed in a separate bent strip pivotably joined to the first elongate member and forming at least a bottom region of said chamber.